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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Frank BONADIO et al.) Group Art Unit: Unknown
Application No.: 10/600,812) Examiner: Unknown
Filed: June 20, 2003)
For: APPARATUS FOR USE IN)
SURGERY AND A VALVE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment (11 pages);
2. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) (2 pages);
3. Form PTO 1449 (7 pages);
4. Copies of 106 references corresponding to those listed on Form PTO 1449; and
5. Check in the amount of \$666.00 to cover the extra claims fee.
6. The extra claims fee is calculated as follows:

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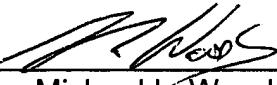
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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter the Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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